

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GEOMORPHOLOGISTS

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FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GEOMORPHOLOGY

The 4th IAG International Conference will be held in Bologna, Italy, 28 August–3 September 1997. There will be pre-conference meetings with field trips, and both pre- and post-conference excursions. Currently, the number of registered delegates is about 800 from 60 countries. About 700 abstracts have been accepted for presentation. On behalf of the IAG, the Conference Organizing Committee has the pleasure of inviting you to participate in the scientific and social programmes of the conference.

Please send all correspondence to IV International Conference on Geomorphology, Planning Congressi s.r.l., Via dei Crociali 2, I-40138 Bologna, Italy. Tel: 39-51-302980; Fax: 39-51-309477; e-mail: michele.galantino@planning.inet.it

Scientific material for the conference, however, should be sent to Paolo Forti, Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra e Geologico-ambientali, Università di Bologna. Fax: 39-51-354522; e-mail: Forti@geomin.unibo.it

Registration

There are four categories of registration: regular; student; accompanying person; meeting with field trip. The last category only allows attendance of the selected meeting, not the main conference. Payment in Lit (Italian Lire) may be made by cheques or money orders payable to IV INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GEOMORPHOLOGY, c/o Planning Congressi s.r.l., Via dei Crociali 2, I-40138 Bologna, Italy (Bank Account no. 291, c/o Banca Popolare dell'Emilia e Romagna, Via Massarenti 228, Bologna, CAB 02598.1 ABI 05387.6) or to Post Account no. 26472407, PLANNING CONGRESSI s.r.l., Via dei Crociali 2, I-40138, Bologna, Italy. Payment may also be made by credit cards which must include a surcharge of 6 per cent.

All cancellations must be in writing. A full refund less a cancellation fee of 100,000 Lit will be made to the participant if cancelled prior to 1 June 1997. No refund will be possible after this date.

Visa

All persons coming to Italy as delegates to the Conference will be considered 'visitors'. They are required to provide proper identification (and visitor visa, if necessary), and outline the nature of their visit to Italy at the Italian port of entry. Visitors should check with their local travel agent or the Italian Consulate or Embassy closest to them.

Insurance

Participants from outside the European countries should note that visitors to Italy are not covered by the Italian government health and travel insurance. Visitors should make arrangements for their own insurance.

Conference

The opening and closing ceremonies will be held at the University Aula Magna of St. Lucia where simultaneous translations (Italian–French–English) will be provided. All scientific sessions will be at the Department of Physics Complex of the University of Bologna. Sessions and symposia will last half a day and run parallel to each other.

Programme

Please note that it will not be possible to attend any of the Conference events without an identification badge. Please visit the Secretariat immediately on arrival in Bologna.

28 August: Opening of the desk office and registration of participants (0800–1300; 1500–1800 and 2000–2200 hours)

29 August: Registration of participants; opening ceremony; opening of exhibitions and commercial stands; glacial geomorphology; arid and subarid geomorphology; symposium on geomorphology and environmental impact assessment; 28th Binghamton Symposium (Changing the Face of the Earth – Engineering Geomorphology); welcome party

30 August: Young geomorphologists' workshop; fluvial geomorphology; tectonic geomorphology; 28th Binghamton Symposium (continued); symposium on landslides management; fluvial geomorphology; tectonic geomorphology

31 August: local trips (optional)

1 September: Symposium on methods and tools in geomorphology; symposium on geomorphology and global change; littoral and submarine geomorphology; tropical geomorphology; symposium on geomorphology and global change; volcanic geomorphology; karst, welcome by local authorities

2 September: symposium on geomorphology and global tectonics; applied geomorphology; weathering and soils; theoretical geomorphology; periglacial geomorphology

3 September: symposium on cogeoenvironment; symposium on EC Dir XII; symposium on Antarctic geomorphology; symposium on magnitude and frequency in geomorphology; closing of exhibitions and commercial stands; farewell dinner

Delegates may present their papers and posters in English or French. Simultaneous translation services will not be available at the conference except for the general assemblies. Time for oral presentation will generally be 20 minutes. Poster presentations, however, are encouraged. The space available for each poster is 1.5 m (height) × 1.2 m (width).

Scientific field excursions

A number of excursions originally proposed have been cancelled. This is the final list.

Pre-conference excursions

A1. Geomorphology of the Central and Southern Alps

Post-conference excursions

B1. Mountains, hills and plains in northwestern Italy

B5. Geomorphology and Quaternary evolution of Central Italy

B7. Geomorphology of Rome

B8. Volcanism, tectonics and recent geomorphic changes in the Bay of Naples

B12. Geomorphology of Sardinia

Meetings with field trips

M1. Mediterranean erosion

M2. Badland processes and significance in changing environments

M3. Classical karst

M4. Mountain permafrost and slope stability in the periglacial belt of the Alps

One-day excursions during the Conference

E1. Venice

E2. Florence

E3. Ravenna

E4. Geomorphic evolution of karst and fluvial basins in the surroundings of Bologna (full)

E5. Fluvial and littoral geomorphology and ecology in the Po Delta

AWARD TO YOUNG SCIENTISTS: THE JAN DE PLOEY PRIZE

In 1993, the Jan De Ploey Prize was established to further research in the field of process geomorphology. This prize is awarded every two years to a young scientist (under the age of 35 years) who has made a significant contribution to research in the field of geomorphological processes. Previous prize winners were R. Allison in 1993 and Y. Le Bissonnais in 1995. This prize will be awarded for the third time at the Fourth International Association of Geomorphologists Conference in Bologna, Italy, 28 August–3 September 1997. The recipient will be expected to deliver a memorial lecture at the Laboratory for Experimental Geomorphology at Leuven. The prize will pay the expenses of the visit to Leuven and the residual sum may be used to support attendance at an appropriate international conference.

Nominations should consist of a brief statement and any supporting materials (CV, list of publications), including a copy of at least one critical paper. Please send your nomination before 31 March 1997 to the Jan De Ploey Prize Selection Committee, Laboratory for Experimental Geomorphology, K.U. Leuven, Redingenstraat 16, B-3000 Leuven, Belgium.

Jan Poesen

IAG NEWS

The President of the IGU, Professor Bruno Messerli, has requested that Professor Olav Slaymaker, in his capacity as President-elect of the IAG, serve as contact person for the IGU Executive Committee with the four geomorphological commissions of the IGU. The commissions and relevant chairs are: *C1. Climate change and periglacial environments* (Professor J. Vandenberghe); *C10. Geomorphological response to environmental change* (Professor A. Imeson); *C13. Land degradation and desertification* (Professor M. Sala); *C21. Sustainable development and management of karstic terrain* (Professor J. Gunn). The objective of this request is to strengthen the collaboration between the IGU and the IAG. It is expected that the contact person will report annually to the IGU Executive on the basis of information exchanged between IGU Commission Chairs and the contact person.

The Association of Slovak Geomorphologists (ASG) came into existence on 5 December 1996 under the Presidency of Dr Milos Stankoviansky. Dr Stankoviansky is well known in the international geomorphological community and we send our warm congratulations to him and to the new association which already has 22 members.

The IAG has been successful in competition for a research grant from ICSU-SC/IDNDR. The research project, designed by Dr Hans Kienholz (Switzerland), is entitled *Documentation of Mountain Disasters (DOMODIS)* and will be implemented under the aegis of the IAG. A workshop to bring together interested parties is being planned for 1997, and you may wish to write to Dr Kienholz to indicate your interest in being kept informed as plans evolve.

Dr Dario Trombotto has confirmed the interest of the GAG (Argentinean Geomorphological Group) in organizing the IAG Regional Conference for 1999.

FUTURE CONFERENCES

Yellowknife, N.W.T., Canada, 23–27 June 1998, 7th International Conference on Permafrost

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Conference circular available at website: http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/gsc/permaf_e.html (English)

http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/gsc/permaf_f.html (French)

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, 21–25 September 1998, 8th Congress of the International Association of Engineering Geology. Theme: Engineering geology, a global view from the Pacific Rim

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